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MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 7, 2008
TO: All State Agency/Department Directors
SUBJECT: Idaho Emergency Operations Plan (IDEOP) Revision

The Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security (BHS), working closely with representatives of the State Agency Emergency Coordinators Working Group, has completed a project to revise and update the Idaho Emergency Operations Plan (IDEOP).

The State of Idaho, in accordance with Idaho Code §46-1001, "State Disaster Preparedness Act of 1975, as amended by the Idaho Homeland Security Act of 2004," is required to plan and prepare for disasters and emergencies that are natural or man-caused to include enemy attack, sabotage, or other hostile actions including terrorism and the use of weapons of mass destruction. The purpose of the IDEOP revision is to ensure compliance with this statute and to clearly identify the roles, responsibilities, and provide direction to State government agencies in responding to emergencies or disasters. This revised IDEOP is consistent with current policy guidance and describes the interrelationship with other levels of government and incorporates the National Incident Management System (NIMS) principles and is in alignment with the new National Response Framework (NRF).

The BHS is providing an opportunity for a 30-day review and comment period of this revised IDEOP by those agencies identified in this plan. I would like to ask your assistance with this task by reviewing the IDEOP and completing the IDEOP Feedback Form. Both the revised IDEOP and feedback form are available on-line at www.bhs.idaho.gov and are also included in the enclosed compact disk. Upon completion, please email the completed IDEOP Feedback Form to: plang@bhs.idaho.gov **NLT 8 DECEMBER 2008.**

Thank you for your participation in this important effort which is critical to the future of Idaho and its residents. Our objective is to deliver timely and effective emergency management before, during and after a natural or human-caused disaster, and your organization's support is considered essential to the success of this project.

If you have any questions regarding this project, please contact Phil Lang (208) 422-3029. Thank you in advance for your support and participation in the revision and update of the Idaho Emergency Operations Plan.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Bill Shawver".

Bill Shawver, Colonel
Director, Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security